

SPECIAL MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
April 24, 2014

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the special meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Kegler, Kochenburger, Marcellino, Moran, Paterson, Raymond, Shapiro, Wassmundt

Excused: Ryan

Staff Present: Finance Director Cherie Trahan, Assistant Town Manager Maria Capriola, Director of Parks and Recreation Curt Vincente, Director of Human Services Pat Schneider, Director of Information Technology Jaime Russell, Director of Emergency Services and Deputy Fire Chief Fran Raiola, and Fire Chief Dave Dagon

1. Staff Reports/Communication

Town Manager Matt Hart spoke to the information packet provided by staff which includes the following:

- Core Services Packet
- Memo regarding sample duties of a graduate student
- Memos regarding the Challenge Program and Positive Youth Development Programs
- Memo providing answers to Councilor Wassmundt's questions
- Chart showing general fund information for comparable Connecticut towns
- Spread sheet of flagged items for budget discussion

2. Core Services and Flagged Items Discussion

- Fire Department
Council members discussed the personnel structure, possible alternatives, optimal staffing and the benefits of conducting an analysis of the Fire Department with Chief Dagon. There are no plans to purchase a ladder truck.
- Section 8
Director of Human Services provided an overview of the role of the Housing Authority in connection to securing local Section 8 vouchers.
- Police Coverage
No discussion
- Proposed Graduate Assistant
Councilors discussed the benefits of having a student with access to their professors to begin the work of evaluating programs and departments and to identify and measure success. Ms. Wassmundt asked that a copy of the analysis of the impact of UConn on Mansfield conducted by a previous graduate assistant be provided.
- Town Attorney Compensation
The Personnel Committee's recommendation for Town Attorney will, if approved, be paid a retainer of \$35,000 which covers all services except litigation. Council members discussed the \$45,000 which has been budgeted for the town attorney and the available funds in the contingency fund.

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- Property Assessment
No discussion was offered.
- Management Services Fund
No discussion was offered.
- Storrs Center Reserve Fund
This issue was discussed at a previous meeting.
- Parks and Recreation Fund
No discussion was offered

In future budget cycles the Town Clerk will identify the members flagging items and try to provide some additional information on the issues of concern.

3. Discussion of Proposed Budget/Council Questions

The Town Manager reviewed the budget resolutions which will be discussed and voted on at the April 28, 2014 special meeting. Action will also be taken on governmental revenues. The Director of Finance will provide information to help guide Council members in the process.

II. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shapiro moved and Mr. Kochenburger seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.
The motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth C. Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk